

1      **Amendments to the Specification**

2      Please replace the paragraph at page 5, line 14, with the following rewritten  
3      paragraph.

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5      Assuming that its associated modules are obtained from the original source,  
6      a newly installed device on the computer 50 potentially has an old and possibly  
7      functionally out-of-date program module. Furthermore, if this is a common  
8      program module used by multiple devices, then the function and operation of other  
9      devices may fail or may result in incompatibilities.

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11     Please replace the paragraph at page 8, line 7, with the following rewritten  
12    paragraph.

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14     Described herein are exemplary implementations of the program-module  
15    updater (i.e., "exemplary program-module updater"). A program module is a  
16    generic term for any [[a ]]section of computer-executable instructions. A  
17    hardware-specific program module is a generic label for a program module that is  
18    associated with a specific hardware device and it is generally intended to facilitate  
19    computer interaction with such device. An example of such a hardware-specific  
20    program modules is a device driver.